

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): An inkjet recording device, comprising:
 - a carriage;
 - a recording head that is mounted on the carriage and which discharges ink based on printing data;
 - a recording medium guide member that is disposed along the main scanning direction scanned by the carriage and which conveys the recording medium in a subsidiary scanning direction orthogonal to the main scanning direction;
 - ink-receiver holes for receiving ink discharged from the recording head, the holes being formed on the recording medium guide member in positions beyond the edges of the recording medium being conveyed
 - ink absorbing materials disposed in the ink-receiver holes;
 - a discharged liquid accumulating means that cumulatively counts the amount of ink discharged into the ink absorbing material; and
 - an accumulation determining means which verifies that the count made by the discharged liquid accumulating means has reached a specified value,

wherein the inkjet recording device switches to a printing mode that does not discharge ink into the ink-receiver holes when the accumulation determining means verifies that the specified value has been reached.

2. (original): An inkjet recording device, comprising:

a carriage;

a recording head that is mounted on the carriage and which discharges ink based on printing data;

a recording medium guide member that is disposed along the main scanning direction scanned by the carriage and which conveys the recording medium in a subsidiary scanning direction orthogonal to the main scanning direction;

ink-receiver holes for receiving ink discharged from the recording head, the holes being formed on the recording medium guide member in positions beyond the edges of the recording medium being conveyed

ink absorbing materials disposed in the ink-receiver holes;

a control circuit which cumulatively counts the amount of ink discharged into the ink absorbing material, which determines if the count has reached a specified value, and which switches the inkjet recording device to a printing mode that does not discharge ink into the ink-receiver holes when the specified value has been reached.

3. (new): The inkjet recording device as claimed in claim 1, wherein, in the printing mode, the recording head discharges ink onto the recording medium and does not discharge ink into the ink-receiver holes.

4. (new): The inkjet recording device as claimed in claim 2, wherein, in the printing mode, the recording head discharges ink onto the recording medium and does not discharge ink into the ink-receiver holes.

5. (new): A recording device, comprising:
a recording head which discharges ink;
a member in which a first hole is formed at a first position beyond a first edge of a recording medium, wherein the first hole receives ink discharged from the recording head;
a control circuit that instructs the recording device to operate in a first printing mode when an amount of ink discharged into the first hole is greater than a predetermined amount,
wherein, in the first printing mode, the recording head discharges ink onto the recording medium and does not discharge ink into the first hole.

6. (new): The recording device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the control circuit instructs the recording device to operate in a second printing mode when the amount of ink discharged into the first hole is less than a predetermined amount, and

wherein, in the second printing mode, the recording head discharges ink onto the recording medium and discharges ink into the first hole.

7. (new): The recording device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the member comprises a second hole formed at a second position beyond a second edge of the recording medium, wherein the second hole receives ink discharged from the recording head.

8. (new): The recording device as claimed in claim 7, wherein, in the first printing mode, the recording head discharges ink onto the recording medium, does not discharge ink into the first hole, and does not discharge ink into the second hole.

9. (new): The recording device as claimed in claim 8, wherein, in the second printing mode, the recording head discharges ink onto the recording medium, discharges ink into the first hole, and discharges ink into the second hole.

10. (new): The recording device as claimed in claim 7, wherein the recording head moves in a first scanning direction,

wherein the recording medium moves in a second scanning direction, and

wherein the first position and the second position define a line that is substantially perpendicular to the first scanning direction.

11. (new): The recording device as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first printing mode is a printing mode in which a first margin is formed at the first edge of the recording medium.

12. (new): The recording device as claimed in claim 6, wherein the second printing mode is a printing mode in which no margin is formed at the first edge of the recording medium.

13. (new): The recording device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the first printing mode is a printing mode in which a first margin is formed at the first edge of the recording medium.